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To: *Richard Clewer – Worcestershire Highways Dept*
Karen May – County Councillor, Clent Hills Division

Dear Richard and Karen,

Thank you for your time on Friday 16th March 2018 to discuss Highway related issues in and around Romsley Parish. Please find a summary of the conversations below; For clarity, I have identified a number of specific actions with associated dates.

1) The grass area in front of St Kenelms Church; All parties recognised the need to prevent the serious and costly damage (estimates suggests approximately £3000) that is being caused to the wildflower area in front of St Kenelms Church by 4X4 drivers. This is an important part of the Parishes heritage, and a safe, effective but aesthetically appropriate solution is required to prevent this damage reoccurring in the future. Given that the historical accident record is low at this location the Parish Council is proposing the installation of suitable timber posts at 1.5m to 1.8m centres set at least one metre back from the road. This is a relatively cheap solution that will look appropriate to the location and would in our opinion constitute a low risk given the historical accident records.

Action - Richard Clewer is to confirm whether this proposal is acceptable to County Highways or to propose an alternative solution that matches the cost, effectiveness and aesthetic requirements. Given the need to rectify the damage urgently because of the imminent growing season and the desire to prevent further damage, the Parish Council will need a response and from the County Council by **Friday 6th April**. After this date, the Parish Council will proceed with its timber post solution.

2) Bromsgrove Road Safety scheme; Details of the proposed safety scheme for the Bromsgrove road have been passed to the Parish Council during today's meeting, and we will come back to you with our thoughts by **Friday 23rd March**.

3) The condition of the footpath on the brow of Romsley Hill; Vegetation overgrowth, fence posts and weather have caused significant damage to the pedestrian footpath that sits alongside the B4551 Bromsgrove road on the brow of Romsley Hill. There are now multiple trip and uneven surface hazards over an extended section.

Action - Richard Clewer is to explore options for resurfacing this stretch and come back to the Parish Council by the **27th April**.

4) Radar controlled speed signs; The Parish Council would like to install two Radar speed signs at its own cost. One would be positioned on the Bromsgrove Road, close to the Sun Public House on the grass verge 50 metres from the St Kenelms road junction, facing the

traffic approaching from Halesowen. The second would be located near the village boundary sign on St Kenelms road close to its junction with Field House Lane, facing traffic approaching from Clent. The Parish Councils preferred design is the Elan City - EVOLIS solar-powered device (www.elancity.co.uk) and the Parish Council will take full responsibility for its installation and maintenance.

Action - Due to the growing community frustration over road safety the Parish Council would like to install these devices in May 2018, as such, we will need any comments including any alternative but comparable proposals by **Friday 6th April**, after which, the Parish Council will proceed with the installation.

5) Reinstatement of the road and footpaths following the works being undertaken by South Staffs water; During the tour we examined the works being undertaken by South Staffordshire water contractors on Dark Lane. All parties raised concerns on the apparent poor quality of reinstatement of both the road and footways and the potential impacts this will have in future years. The Parish Council also raised concerns about the quality of reinstatement occurring at the related works in Hillcrest Road, Eastleigh Drive and The Hedgerows. The Parish Council requested that full reinstatement inspections be undertaken by the County Council and Richard Clewer agreed to raise it to the appropriate bodies within Highways.

Action - The Parish Council would welcome an update on the progress to address this in time for its April Council meeting on **11th April**.

6) Poor condition signposts; Several signposts in the Parish are severely corroded and require replacement. The Parish Council said we were happy to undertake this work if the County could supply the poles. Richard Clewer said the County would replace them if we send photographs and locations.

Action – Parish Council to provide locations and photos of damaged sign posts by **Friday 30th March**

7) Heritage signpost and bollards; There was reconfirmation that the County Council would install a heritage signpost and bollards when the Parish Council purchases these items. We are planning to do this during April 2018 and will inform Richard Clewer when we have obtained them.

Once again may I thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing this issues progressed as quickly as possible.

Kind Regards,



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Romsley Parish Council Chairperson.